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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY LONDON'S EFFORT REFLECTED IN REFTEL A. APPROACH TO ODM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HELPFUL AS UK REP AT JULY 19 ROME GENEVA GROUP MTG ACCEPTED, AD REFERENDUM, TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM LIMIT ON REAL GROWTH IN 1980-81 BUDGET.

2. LOOKING TO FUTURE, FCO WILLINGNESS TO DEFER TO ODM ON FAO BUDGET, AS REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF REF A, APPEARS TO BODE POORLY FOR UK ABILITY TO FOLLOW THRU AT FAO ON COMMITMENTS UK UNDERTAKES THRU FCO REPRESENTATION TO GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL. WE HOPE THAT THIS QUALITY OF DEFERENCE WILL BE STRAINED.

3. ALSO HOPE ODM WITH FCO ENCOURAGEMENT, WILL SUPPORT POSITION EMERGING FROM ROME GENEVA GROUP AS REPORTED REFTEL D.

4. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT SUPPORT CONTINUED EFFORT BY
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EMBASSY LONDON AND IN VIEW DUTCH RESERVATIONS REPORTED REFTEL D, CONSIDER APPROACH BEFORE END OF JULY BY EMBASSY HAGUE, ESPECIALLY SINCE ACTING DUTCH REP HERE NOTES THAT PRESENT DUTCH GOVERNMENT ADVOCATING TIGHTER BUDGET. WE BELIEVE TRADITIONALLY GENEROUS DUTCH POSTURE TOWARD FAO COULD BEST BE EXPRESSED THRU ITS AMPLE TRUST FUND SUPPORT OF FAO FIELD ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN BY BREAKING SOLDI GENEVA

GROUP POSITION ON REGULAR BUDGET.GARDNER

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